



## **Lydney Volleyball Club – Safeguarding Children Policy – 2026/27**

1. Lydney Volleyball Club (LVC) acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children involved in LVC from harm.
2. LVC confirms that it adheres to Volleyball England's Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document and any successor policy.
3. A child is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any Volleyball activity. However, where a minor is playing in the adult game it is essential that every reasonable precaution is taken to ensure their safety and wellbeing are protected.
4. The Key Principles of Volleyball England's Safeguarding Policy are that:
  - A young person's welfare is paramount.
  - A young person, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, social status or sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.
  - The rights, dignity and worth of a young person should always be respected.
  - Deaf and disabled young people have an increased vulnerability and are up to four times more likely to be abused than other young people (Sullivan & Knutson 2000). It is essential to be additionally aware of their safeguarding needs and there may be situations where there is a need to take extra measures.
  - Volleyball England promotes a culture where everyone is free to speak out regarding concerns; everyone within volleyball must report all concerns in accordance with Volleyball England's reporting procedures.
  - It is the responsibility of child protection experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place, but it is everyone's responsibility within volleyball to report concerns.
5. LVC recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. LVC recognises that this is the responsibility of everyone involved, in whatever capacity, at the club.
6. LVC will implement and comply with the Volleyball England Code of Conduct and the Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Spectators and Officials as appropriate.
7. The Club Safeguarding Officers are Ben Maller and Bianca Farr . If you witness or are aware of an incident where the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the Club Safeguarding Officer. They will then inform the CB Safeguarding Manager and the Volleyball England Safeguarding Team. If an incident involves the Club Safeguarding Officer, you should inform the club Chairperson and the Volleyball England Safeguarding Team.



8. LVC will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, players or officials will comply with the Good Practice Guidance as issued by the Volleyball England. In summary, the following are NOT acceptable and will be treated seriously by the club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the club or Volleyball England:

- Working alone with a child.
- Consuming alcohol whilst responsible for children.
- Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply.
- Smoking in the presence of children.
- Humiliating children.
- Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child.
- Participating in, or allowing, contact or physical games with children.
- Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child developed as a result of being in a 'position of trust.'
- Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material.

9. LVC will ensure that its coaches [and team managers] will receive the support and training considered appropriate to their position and role.